

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Chas Vincent, on January 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

- Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
- Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
- Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
- Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
- Sen. Pat Connell (R)
- Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
- Sen. Mary McNally (D)
- Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
- Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
- Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

**Members Excused:**

- Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Pat Christian, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 48, 1/13/2017

Chair Vincent turned the responsibility of the chair over to Vice Chair Welborn

**HEARING ON SB 48**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:34 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 48, Direct DEQ to assume dredge-and-fill permitting program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:42 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:07:58 Brian Ohs, Southwest Montana coordinator, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:09:22 Derf Johnson, associate program director and staff attorney, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**EXHIBIT(nas13a01)**

00:13:24 Amy Seaman, Conservation Program manager, Montana Audubon

**Informational Testimony:**

00:17:11 Tim Davis, administrator, Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:36 Sen. Phillips  
00:18:38 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
00:19:23 Sen. Connell  
00:19:41 Mr. Johnson, MEIC  
00:20:31 Sen. Connell  
00:22:02 Mr. Johnson  
00:22:38 Sen. Connell  
00:22:57 Sen. Richmond  
00:23:41 Mr. Davis  
00:24:02 Sen. Richmond  
00:24:14 Mr. Davis  
00:24:36 Sen. Richmond  
00:24:58 Mr. Davis  
00:25:35 Sen. Cohenour  
00:26:25 Mr. Davis  
00:26:43 Sen. Cohenour  
00:27:37 Sen. Vincent  
00:28:10 Sen. Cohenour  
00:28:38 Sen. Vincent  
00:30:35 Sen. Cohenour  
00:31:33 Sen. Vincent

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00:32:06 Sen. Ankney  
00:32:37 Sen. Vincent  
00:33:14 Sen. Ankney  
00:34:01 Chair Vincent  
00:34:36 Sen. Phillips  
00:35:06 Mr. Ohs, MTU  
00:35:19 Sen. Phillips  
00:35:38 Sen. Vincent  
00:35:51 Sen. Phillips  
00:36:31 Chair Vincent  
00:40:05 Sen. Phillips  
00:40:31 Sen. Vincent  
00:43:25 Chair Welborn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:43:47 Chair Vincent

**Committee Business:**

00:45:58 Chair Vincent

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:48 PM

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Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nas13aad.pdf](#))